Statement-II

Details of Extra Departmental Sub Post Offices which were lowgraded to Branch Post Offices during the year 2004-05 in Madhya Pradesh

Sl. No.	Name of sub post office	Loss per annom in Rs.	Work load Hours	Work load Minutes	Date of low gradation	Reasons
1.	Barud Extra Departmental sub post office, District Khandwa	33732.00	1	45		Not justified on income and work load norms.
2.	Balwada Extra Departmental sub post office, District Khandwa	105432.00	2	28	29-10-2004	Not justified on income and work load norms.
3.	Bahadurpur Extra Departmental sub post Office, District Khandwa	72384.00	2	35	01-01-2005	Not justified on income and work load norms.
4.	Anandpur Extra Departmental sub post office, District Vidisha	7593.00	2	18	01-01-2005	Not justified on income and work load norms.

Provision of phones in villages

1670. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the provision of phones in villages has suffered because of dilution of the Telecom Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government were unable to persuade private companies to provide connectivity to Rural India and the entire social obligation was being borne by the BSNL; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) is supporting creation of telecom infrastructure in rural areas. USOF had floated tenders for provision of Rural Cummunity Phones (RCPs) for 46,253 villages and Rural Direct Exchange Lines (RDELs) on demand in

1,685 commercially unviable Short Distance Charging Areas (SDCAs) on the basis of least quoted subsidy. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and many private service providers had participated in these tenders. The work on the basis of lowest quoted subsidy was awarded to M/s BSNL (1,267 SDCAs for RDELs and 29,794 RCPs) Reliance Infocom Limited (21,459 RCPs and 203 SDCAs for RDELs), Tata Tele-services Limited (172 SDCAs for RDELs) and Tata Tele-services Limited, Maharashtra (43 SDCAs for RDELs).

Computerization of Post Offices

1671. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the 26,000 post offices across the country would be computerized to create a network infrastructure for the postal services;

(b) whether the Prime Minister and the Planning Commission have agreed to extend the financial support of Rs. 625 crore for this purpose; and

(c) the initiatives proposed to re-orient the mail services to meet the competitions of private mailing services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. In the Tenth Plan, the Department of Posts is implementing a Plan Scheme to computerize and network 7,700 large Departmental Post Offices.

(b) Hon'ble Prime Minister was requested for support and a proposal has been submitted to the Planning Commission for computerization of remaining 18,465 Departmental Post Offices. Planning Commission is examining the proposal.

(c) Value additions like pick up services, carrying out various pre-mailing activities (e.g.addressing, franking, inserting, gumming etc.), intimation of delivery, facility of tracking of Speed Post articles are being provided to the customers to meet the competition from private mailers.